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1. IN VIEW OF INSTRUCTIONS STATE REFTEL WE MAY NOT HAVE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT HERE BEYOND OUR INITIAL MEETING THIS MORNING UNTIL WE CAN TALK FURTHER WITH EGYPTIANS. WE NOTE FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT SADAT IS DESCRIBED AS "INDISPOSED" WHICH WE SURMISE MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. IT APPEARS TO US IT MAY BE SENSIBLE FOR US TO ADVANCE OUR DEPARTURE FROM JERUSALEM IN ORDER TO GET ON WITH OUT TALKS IN CAIRO. WE COULD LEAVE HERE TOMORROW MORNING AND BE IN CAIRO IN TIME FOR MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY FOLLOWING AFTERNOON BREAK IF THIS WERE CONVENIENT FOR THEM. WE ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL WILL BE BACK BY THIS TIME AND QUESTION IS WHETHER IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE FOR USN TO HAVE TALKS WITH ANY ONE ELSE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. SECRET

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